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(C) GENEVA 1053 (NOTAL); (D) GENEVA 1252 (NOTAL); (E)
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THE TRADE POLICY STAFF COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED THE FOLLOWING
INSTRUCTIONS FOR MARCH 2 GATT COUNCIL MEETING KEYED TO
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1. BRAZIL - RENEGOTIATION OF SCHEDULE. THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE MAY SUPPORT THE EXTENSION OF THE WAIVER FOR A MAXIMUM OF ONE YEAR, IF NECESSARY, TO BRING NEGOTIATION TO AN EXPEDITIOUS CONCLUSION. THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD NOTE THAT WE HAVE SUBMITTED REQUESTS AND EXPECT THAT COMPENSATION WILL BE NEGOTIATED AND IMPLEMENTED PROMPTLY AND THAT THIS ARTICLE XXVIII WILL NOT REPEAT OUR PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH BRAZIL.

2. ARTICLE XXII CONSULTATIONS ON U.S. MEAT IMPORT RESTRICTIONS. THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE NEED NOT COMMENT IF NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN STATEMENTS ARE SIMPLY FACTUAL REPORTS OF CONSULTATIONS. IF U.S. REPRESENTATIVE FEELS STATEMENTS REQUIRE REPLY, HE SHOULD MAKE BRIEF COMMENT, DRAWING ON ARGUMENTS SET FORTH IN GENEVA 637. IF NEW ZEALAND OR AUSTRALIA CALLS FOR GATT REVIEW OF U.S. MEAT IMPORT LAW, THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD POINT OUT THAT AN EXAMINATION OF A WIDE RANGE OF IMPORT MEASURES, INCLUDING THE USE OF VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS, IS PROCEEDING IN THE MTN, AND THAT GATT EXAMINATION OF THE SAME AREA SEEMS SUPERFLUOUS. IF PRESSED FOR GATT REVIEW, HOWEVER, THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE MAY AGREE, PROVIDED REVIEW IS BROAD ENOUGH TO PERMIT REFERENCE TO CONTEXT IN WHICH U.S. LAW OPERATED, I.E. WORLD MEAT TRADE.

3. MOROCCO - REQUEST FOR STATUS OF OBSERVER. THE UNITED STATES WOULD WELCOME MOROCCAN OBSERVER AT COUNCIL.

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4. ITALY - MONETARY MEASURES. WE ARE INFORMED UNOFFICIALLY THAT THE SURCHARGE WAS REMOVED ON SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 18. THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD, THEREFORE, SUPPORT ADOPTION OF THE WORKING PARTY REPORT. THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD CONFIRM OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE WORKING PARTY IS NOT TERMINATED AS A RESULT OF THE ADOPTION OF THIS REPORT, BUT THAT IT WILL CONTINUE IN EXISTENCE AT LEAST UNTIL THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE DEPOSIT PROGRAM, DUE TO BE PHASED OUT APRIL 15, IS ELIMINATED.

5. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS REPORTS. (A) SOUTH AFRICA AND (B) ISRAEL. THE UNITED STATES HAS NO COMMENT.

(C) YUGOSLAVIA. IF YUGOSLAVIA HAS NOT NOTIFIED THE INCREASE IN THE EQUALIZATION TAX AND THE EXTENSION OF THE SURCHARGE AND IF NO OTHER DELEGATION PLANS TO RAISE THE MATTER, THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD NOTE THE EXISTENCE OF THE MEASURES AND SUGGEST IN LOW KEY WAY THAT YUGOSLAVIA BEGIN TO PHASE THEM OUT (REF F).

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(D) BALANCE OF PAYMENTS MINI-CONSULTATIONS. NO COMMENT IS NECESSARY ON REPORT OR ON ANY POSSIBLE STATEMENT BY HONG KONG.

6. CONSULTATIONS ON BALANCE OF PAYMENTS RESTRICTIONS IN 1977. THE DOCUMENT REFERRED TO (C/W/284) LISTS COUNTRIES TO CONSULT IN 1977 BUT PUTS FORWARD NO SCHEDULE AS SUCH. TENTATIVE SECRETARIAT THINKING REPORTED REFS (A) AND (C) APPEARS REASONABLE AND MAY RECEIVE U.S. APPROVAL AT COUNCIL, AS APPROPRIATE (REF G).

7. TRADE WITH ROMANIA. WE CONCUR IN MISSION'S RECOMMENDATION THAT WE SIMPLY JOIN SILENTLY IN NOTING THE WORKING PARTY REPORT. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN GENERAL REACTION TO REPORT, ESPECIALLY IF ROMANIANS MAKE EXPECTED PLEA FOR END TO DISCRIMINATORY QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS.
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8. JOINT ADVISORY GROUP REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER. WE HAVE REVIEWED THE DOCUMENT. NO COMMENT NECESSARY.

9. AGREEMENT BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA. WE AGREE WITH MISSION'S RECOMMENDATION.

10. BIANNUAL REPORT ON ARAB COMMON MARKET. NO COMMENT.

11. MEMBERSHIP OF PANELS. THIS ITEM WAS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY.

12. BANGKOK AGREEMENT. THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE MAY SUPPORT LEMMEL AS CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY ON THE BANGKOK AGREEMENT.

13. DISC AND RELATED TAX PRACTICES. INSTRUCTIONS SENT SEPTEL.

14. WORKING PARTY REPORT ON CARICOM. THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE MAY SUPPORT THE ADOPTION OF THE WORKING PARTY REPORT.

15. ADDITIONAL ITEMS MENTIONED IN REF (E) BEING SENT BY SEPTEL.
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